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A SYNOPSIS

OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TESTS FOR ASCERTAINING THE PRESENCE OF THE MORE COMMON CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IN SOLUTION.

1. Alkalies and their Salts.

These are not precipitated by carbonate of ammonia, sulphuretted hydrogen (H S), or sulphuret of ammonium (N $\rm H_3$, H S).

2. Salts of Potassa.

Tartaric acid, in excess and in a concentrated solution, produces, especially after violent agitation, a white crystalline precipitate. (Tartar, § 194.)

Platinum solution gives a yellow crystalline precipitate. (Chloride of platinum and potassium, § 394.)

3. Salts of Soda.

Antimoniate of potassa produces, in neutral or alkaline solutions of soda salts, a white precipitate. (Antimoniate of soda, § 404.)

4. Salts of Ammonia.

Caustic lime or caustic potassa, especially on heating, liberates the ammonia, which is easily recognized by its pungent odor. Heated on platinum foil, the salts of ammonia are readily volatilized. (§ 229.)

Platinum solution reacts in the same manner as with potassa salts. (§392.)

5. Alkaline Earths.

These are precipitated by carbonate of ammonia, as carbonates of a white color, but not by H S or N H₃, H S.

6. Salts of Baryta and Strontia.

Sulphuric acid produces a white precipitate, insoluble in acids (sulphate of baryta and of strontia.) The baryta salts impart a yellowish color, and the strontia salts a crimson color, to the flame of alcohol. (§ 248.)

7. Salts of Lime.

Sulphuric acid produces only in concentrated solutions of lime a precipitate, which is redissolved in a large proportion of water. (§ 241.)

Oxalic acid and ammonia indicate mere traces of lime by a milky tur-

bidness. (Oxalate of lime, §197.)

8. Salts of Magnesia.

Sulphuric acid causes no precipitate or turbidness. (§ 249.)

Phosphate of Soda and Ammonia produce, but not immediately, in diluted solutions, a white crystalline precipitate. (Phosphate of magnesia and ammonia, § 251.)

9. Salts of Alumina.

These are precipitated by ammonia, carbonate of ammonia, and also by N H₃, H S, as hydrate of the oxide of alumina. Potassa in excess dissolves the hydrate of oxide of alumina, which is again precipitated by chloride of ammonium. (§ 260.) They are colored blue on being heated to redness with cobalt solution. (§ 262.)

10. Metallic Salts.

Ammonia precipitates from their solutions the oxides as hydrates; carbonate of ammonia also precipitates them (partly as carbonates, and partly as hydrated oxides.)

H S added to an acid solution precipitates the following metallic oxides

as sulphurets:

a.) Black; lead, bismuth, eopper, silver, mercury, platinum, gold.

b.) Dark brown; tin (protoxide.)

c.) Orange; antimony.

d.) Yellow; tin (peroxide), cadmium, arsenic.

Of these, the sulphurets of platinum, gold, tin, antimony, and arsenic, are soluble in N II₃, H S.

N H₃, H S precipitates also as sulphurets the following, which are not precipitated by sulphuretted hydrogen alone from their acid solutions:

a.) Black; iron, cobalt, nickel.b.) Flesh-colored; manganese.

c.) White; zine (also alumina and oxide of chromium as hydrates.)

11. Salts of Protoxide of Iron.

Ammonia; a greenish-white precipitate, passing to dark green, and finally to reddish-brown. (Hydrated protoxide of iron, § 285.)

Ferrocyanide of potassium; a light blue precipitate, becoming finally

dark bluc. (§ 292.)

Tineture of nutgalls; a violet precipitate, passing gradually to blue-black. (Tannate of protoxide of iron, § 285.)

12. Salts of Sesquioxide of Iron.

Ammonia; a reddish-brown precipitate. (Hydrated sesquioxide of iron, § 285.)

Ferrocyanide of potassium; a dark-blue precipitate. (Prussian blue,

§ 292.)

Tincture of nutgalls; a blue-black precipitate. (Tannate of sesquioxide of iron, § 285.)

13. Salts of Manganese.

Ammonia; a white precipitate, soon passing to light and then dark brown. (Hydrated protoxide of manganese, § 300.)

HS; a flesh-colored precipitate. (Sulphuret of manganese, § 300.)

14. Salts of Cobalt.

Potassa; a blue precipitate, gradually becoming green. (§ 307.)

Blowpipe; melted with borax, they give a blue bead. (Cobalt glass, § 304.)

15. Salts of Nickel.

Potassa; a light green precipitate. (Hydrated protoxide of nickel. § 307.)

16. Salts of Zinc.

Ammonia; a gelatinous white precipitate (hydrated oxide of zinc,) which redissolves in an excess of ammonia; white sulphuret of zine is precipitated from this solution by N $\rm H_3$, H S.

Blowpipe; heated with earbonate of soda upon charcoal, a yellow incrustation is formed, which becomes white on cooling. (Oxide of zine, § 310.)

17. Salts of Tin.

Solution of gold causes in solutions of protoxide of tin a purple-red

eolor or precipitate. (Gold purple, § 322.)

HS; in the protoxide solutions, a dark-brown precipitate (protosul-phuret of tin); in the perchloride solutions, a yellow precipitate. (Bisulphuret of tin, § 325.)

18. Salts of Lead.

Sulphuric acid; a white precipitate insoluble in acids. (Sulphate of lead.) The same is rendered black immediately by N H₃, H S. (§ 335.)

Blow-pipe; heated with carbonate of soda upon charcoal, malleable metallic beads are formed, together with a yellow incrustation upon the coal. (§ 331.)

19. Salts of Bismuth

Water, added largely to solutions of bismuth, causes a white turbidness, with a precipitation of a basic salt of bismuth. (§ 347.)

Blowpipe; if heated with earbonate of soda upon charcoal, we obtain

brittle metallic beads. (§ 345.)

20. Salts of Copper.

Ammonia causes a greenish-blue precipitate, which redissolves in an excess of ammonia, forming a deep blue liquid. (§ 353.)

Ferrocyanide of potassium; a purple red precipitate. (Ferrocyanide of eopper, § 292.)

Polished iron; a deposition of metallie copper. (§ 152.)

Blowpipe; when heated with carbonate of soda upon charcoal, and washed with water, spangles of metallic copper are obtained. (§ 355.)

21. Salts of Mercury.

Potassa precipitates from protoxide salts black protoxide of mercury (§ 368); from the peroxide salts, yellowish-red peroxide of mercury. (§ 371.)

Protochloride of tin precipitates on boiling metallic mercury. (§ 375.) Copper, on being rubbed with a solution of mercury, assumes a silvery

appearance. (369.)

22. Salts of Silver.

Muriatic acid; a white, eurdy precipitate, soluble in ammonia. (Chlo ride of silver, § 381.)

Blowpipe; heated with carbonate of soda upon charcoal, glistening malleable metallic beads are formed. (§ 381.)

23. Salts of Gold.

Protochloride of tin; a purple-red precipitate. (Gold purple, § 388.) Green vitriol; a precipitate of gold powder. (§ 387.)

24. Salts of Platinum.

Potassa; a yellow crystalline precipitate. (Chloride of platinum and potassium, § 394.)

Blowpipe; reduces the salt to a metal. (§ 393.)

25. Salts of Sesquioxide of Chromium.

Potassa; a bluish-green precipitate (hydrated oxide of ehromium,) soluble in an excess of potassa, forming a dark green solution. (§ 400.)

26. Salts of Chromic acid.)

Sugar of lead; a yellow precipitate. (Chrome yellow, § 399.) Sulphuric acid and alcohol; conversion of the yellow or red color into green by heating. (§ 400.)

27. Compounds of Antimony.

HS; an orange-colored precipitate. (Sulphuret of antimony, § 407.) Blowpipe; heated with carbonate of soda, brittle metallic globules are formed; and also white fumes and a white incrustation upon the charcoal. (§ 403.)

Marsh's test (§ 418.)

28. Compounds of Arsenic.

H S; a yellow precipitate. (Sulphuret of arsenic, § 416.) Reduction test (§ 413.) Marsh's test (§ 417.)

29. Salts of Sulphuric Acid.

Chloride of barium; a white pulverulent precipitate, insoluble in acids. (Sulphate of baryta, \S 171.)

Sugar of lead; a white precipitate, insoluble in diluted acids. (Sulphate of lead, § 335.)

30. Salts of Sulphurous Acid.

Sulphuric acid evolves a gas having the odor of burning sulphur. (§ 174.)

31. Salts of Phosphoric Acid.

Chloride of barium; a white precipitate soluble in acids.

Silver solution; a yellow precipitate. (Phosphate of silver, § 176.) Solution of magnesia and ammonia; a white precipitate. (See No. 8.)

32. Salts of Boracic Acid.

Chloride of barium; a white precipitate soluble in acids.

Sulphuric acid and alcohol, when heated with them, present a green flame. (§ 182.)

33. Salts of Nitric Acid.

Indigo solution and sulphuric acid; by boiling, the feeble blue-colored liquid is changed in color by the liberated nitric acid.

Glowing charcoal causes a deflagration of the nitrates. (§ 207.)

34. Salts of Chloric Acid

Act like the nitrates towards solution of indigo, and upon glowing chareoal; but when heated with muriatic acid, they evolve the odor of chlorine. (§ 150.)

35. Chlorides or Salts of Muriatic Acid.

Silver solution; a white, eurdy precipitate of ehloride of silver, readily soluble in ammonia. (§ 186.)

Peroxide of manganese and sulphuric acid; evolution of ehlorine on

heating. (§ 151.)

36. Iodides.

Silver solution; a yellowish precipitate of iodide of silver difficultly soluble in ammonia.

Peroxide of manganese and sulphuric acid evolve iodine in violet

fumes. (§ 210.)

Starch paste and nitric acid; blue color. (Iodide of starch, § 155.) 37. Sulphurets.

Muriatic acid evolves from most of them a gas having the odor of rotten eggs. (H S, §§ 132, 213.)

38. Salts of Carbonic Acid.

Muriatic acid liberates from them with effervescence an odorless gas. (§§ 202, 237.)

Lime-water is rendered milky by them. (Carbonate of lime, § 115.)

39. Salts of Oxalic Acid.

Solution of gypsum causes a white precipitate. (Oxalate of lime, § 197.)

Heated upon platinum foil, they are decomposed without charring. (§ 197.)

40. Salts of Tartaric Acid.

Potassa precipitates tartar, as in No. 2. (§ 194.)

Heated on platinum foil, they are decomposed with separation of much earbon, and give off the odor of burnt sugar. (§ 194.)

41. Salts of Acetic Acid.

Sulphuric acid produces on heating an odor of vinegar.

Sulphuric acid and alcohol, an odor of acetic ether. (§ 198.)

Heated, they are charred, and give off the odor of vinegar. (§ 198.)

TABLE

Showing the Action of Reagents on Oxides and Acids. (Alphabetically arranged.)

1. METALLIC BASES, (IN COMBINATION.)

Remarks.	These precipitates are insoluble in muriate of ammonia.	The chloride decomposed by water.	Thrown down immediately with sulphates and sulphate of lime.	Nitrate decomposed by water.
Blowpipe.	Blue with nitrate of cobalt,	With soda in deoxodizing flame, reduced, and gives off white fumes of oxide.	0	With soda on charcoal reduced; brittle bead of metal.
Ferro- cyanide of Potassium (K ₂ FeCy ₃).	0	White.	0	White.
Ammonia (NH3).	White; insol.	White; insol.	0	White; insol.
Potash (KO).	White; sol. in excess.	White; sp. sol. in excess.	0	White;
Carbonate of Ammonia (2NH40), 3CO ₃).	White; insol.	White; sp. sol.	White; insol.	White; insol.
Carbonate of Soda, (NaO, COs	White; insol. in excess.	White; sparingly soluble.	White; insol. in excess.	White; insol. in excess.
Hydro- sulphate of Ammonia (NH,S, HS).	White; insol. in excess.	Orange red; sol. in excess.	0	Brown- black; insol. in excess.
Hydro- sulphuric Acid (Sul- phuretted Hydrogen) (HS), in an acidified solution.	0	Orange red.	0	Brown- black.
Symbol.	$Al_{\mathfrak{g}}O_{\mathfrak{g}}$	\$603	BaO.	Bi_nO_3
Name of Base.	ALUMINA.	ANTIMONY Oxide of	BARYTA.	BISMUTH, oxide of

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Remarks.	Black with infusion of nutgalls.	Precipitated by solu- ble sulphates, and the precip, blackened by hydrosulphate of am- monia. Bright yellow with chromate of pot- ash and iodide of potassium.	Phos. of soda and ammonia gives a white precipitate.	Crystalline precipitate with phosphate of soda and ammonia. The carbonate and hydrate sol. in muriate of ammonia.	The presence of ammoniacal salts prevents more or less completely the precipitation of manganese by the alkalies.	White precipitate with chlorides, blackened by ammonia. Volatilized or decomposed by heat.	Volat'zed or decomp'd by heat. Beautiful scarlet with iodide of potasslum.
Blowpipe.	As the protoxide.	With soda on char- ble sulphates, and the deposit also formed hydrosulphate of am on the charcoal. with chromate of pot ash and ash and isside of potassium.	Gives red color to the flame.	Light pink with nitrate of cobalt.	With soda a green bead. With borax in outer flame an amethyst bead, which loses its color in the reducing flame.	Mixed with soda and with chlorides, black-heated in a tube, the ened by ammonia. Modatilized or decomposed by heat.	As the protoxide.
Ferro- cyanide of Potassium (K, Fe, Cy,).	Deep-blue.	White.	0	0	White.	White.	White.
Ammonia (NH,).	Rnst- colored.	White; insol. None at first with the acetate.	0	White; insol.	White; becoming brown.	Black; insol.	White; insol.
Potash (KO).	Rust- colored.	. White; sol.	0	White; insol.	White, becoming brown.	Black; insol.	Yellow; insol.
Carbonate of Ammonia (2NH40, 3CO ₈).	Rust- colored.	White; insol.	As carb. soda.	0	White; insol.	Dark-gray.	White; insol.
Carbonate of Soda (NaO, CO,).	Rust- colored.	White; insol.	Faint white in concentra- ted sol.	White; insol.	White; insol.	Dark-gray.	Reddish brown; insol.
Hydro- sulphate of Ammonia (NH ₄ S, HS).	Black.	Black,	0	0	Flesh colored.	Black.	White, turn- ing to black.
Hydro- s. Iphuric Acid (HS) in an acidified solution.	Yellowish white pre- cipitate of sulphur.	Black.	0	0	0	Black.	White, turn-White, turn- ing to black. ing to black.
Symbol.	Fe, 0,	PbO.	Lio.	Mgo.	MnO.	Hg 0.	Hg0,
Name of Base.	Inon, peroxido of	Lead, oxide of.	Гітніл.	MAGNESIA.	Manganese, protoxide of.	MERCURY, protoxide of	MERCURY, peroxide of.

Most readily distinguished by the blowpipe.	With soda on char- oad, reduced to a magnetic powder. pale-green precipitate With borax and mic, from the ammoniacal stati onter falme, red solution. Flass, becoming color- less on cooling.	zed by forming, when boxide, which is vola- sagreeable smell, caus- ce to the eyes and nose.	Yellowish-white with solution of cyanide of mercury	Yellow with muriate of anmonia, which is converted by heat into spongy platinum.	White crystalline precipitate with tartaric acid. Yellow with bichloride of platinum.	Many of the compounds have a rose-color.	White curdy precipi- tate, with hydrochlo- ric acid and chlorides, which is sol. in am- monia and insol. in nitric acid.	The only salt which precipitates soda is the antimoniate of potash. Evaporated with hichloride of platinum gives yellow needles.
With microcosmic salt in outer flame, a green glass.	,	Osmium is characterized by forming, when heated in the air, a suboxide, which is volatile, and has a very disagreeable smell, causing much inconvenience to the eyes and nose.	Reduced.	Reduced.	Violet flame.	Reduced.	Reduced.	Yellow flame.
Brown with the binoxide.	Pale green.	0	0	0	0	Dark orange.		0
Brown- black; insol.	Pale green; soluble, forming a blue solu- tion.	Brown after some time.	Yellowish brown; sol.	Yellow.	0	Yellowish after a time.	Pale brown;	0
Brown- black; insol.	Pale green; insol.	Black on boiling.	Yellowish- brown; sol.	Yellow.	0	Yellowish brown on boiling.	Pale brown; Pale brown; insol.	0
Brown;	Pale so fo gree	Brown after some time.	Solution decolorized, but no pre- cipitate.	Yellow.	0	Yellowish after a time.	White; sol.	0
.Brown;	en;	Black, slowly formed. Bluish solution.	Brown; sol. Reprecipita- ted on boil- ing.	Yellow with carbonate of potash.	0	Yellowish after a time.	White; insol.	0
Yellowish- brown;	Black.	Yellowish- brown; insol.	Black; insol.	Brownish- black; sol. in large excess.	0	Brown;	Black.	0
Brown- black, slowly formed.	,o	Yellowish- brow, slowly formed.	Black.	Brownish- black, formed slowly.	0	Brown, formed slowly.	Власк.	0
MoO and	Nio.	0803	PdO.	Pt O ₂	KO.	R, O,	Ag 0.	NaO.
MOLYBDE- NUM,	Nickel, oxide of.	Osmium, deutoxide of.	PALLADIUM, protoxide of.	PLATINUM, oxide of.	Ротазн.	RHODIUM, sesquioxide of.	Silver, oxide of.	SobA.

Remarks.	White precipitates with sulphates. Burnt with alcohol,	inc throws down the metal in beautiful crystals.	The behavior with hydrosulphate of ammonia and the blowpipe are characteristic.	When the precipitate with ammonia is heated, it is converted into the green protoxide.	Many of the solutions have a blue color.	Copious white with	Behavior with hydrosulphate of ammonia characteristic.	Oxalic acid gives a white precipitate.
Blowpipe.	Carmine flame.	With soda in reducing Zinc throws down the Jame, a maleable metal in beautiful citi.	Reduced with soda. 1	Yellow glass with borax.	With borax, yellow in outer flame; in the inner, brown, becoming green when cold.	Nothing characteristic.	With soda on charcoal gives a white subl.: Behavior with hydro- mate of oxide, which sulphate of ammonia is yellow when hot. With nit. cobalt, green.	Bright flame.
Ferro- cyanide of Potassium (K ₂ FeCy ₂).	0	White.	White.	Reddish- brown.	Yellow.	White.	White.	White.
Ammonia (NH,).	0	White; insol.	White; sol.	Yellow; insol.	Brown.	White;	White; sol.	White; insol.
Potash (KO).	0	White;	White; sol.	Yellow; insol.	Grayish- white.	White; insol.	White; sol.	White; insol.
Carbonate of Anmonia (2NH,0, 3CO ₃).	White;	White; insol.	White; insol.	Yellow;	Gray, passing to brown.	White; sp. sol.	White; sol.	White;
Carbonate of Soda, (NaO, CO.	White;	White; insol.	White; insol.	Yellow; sol.	Dirty white.	White; sp. sol.	White;	White after a time.
Hydro- sulphate of Anmonia (NH ₄ S, HS).	0	Brown- black.	Yellow; sol.	Black.	Brown- black; sol. in excess forming a purple solution.	White.	White.	White.
Hydro- sulphuric Acid, (HS), in an acidified solution.	0	Brown- black.	Yellow.	O (Sulphur.)	0	0	0	0
Symbol.	SrO.	SnO.	SnO ₃	$U_{\rm s}O_{\rm s}$	104	F0.	Zn0.	$Zr_{\rm e}O_{\rm s}$
Name of Base.	STRONTIA.	Tin, protoxide of.	Tin, peroxide of.	URANIUM, sesquioxide of.	Vanabium, binoxide of.	YTTRIA.	Zinc, oxide of.	ZIRCONIA.

	Remarks.	White. chatten acid becomes pale-yellow when soluble in nitric acid, and difficultly soluble in hitric acid, and difficultly soluble in hot hydrochloric acid.	Insoluble in water and nitric acid. Soluble in hydrochloric acid, from which it is precipitated on the addition of water. When strongly heated, gives off oxygen, and becomes antimonious acid.	Volatilizes at a low heat, and condenses in octohedral crystals. The best tests are Marsh's and Reinsch's.	Heated with black flux, gives metallic arsenic.	Is decomposed by heat and by deoxidizing agents, into oxide of chromium. Salts of lead throw down a yellow precipitate.	Solution becomes red Converted by acids into hyper-manganic acid and ,chlorine and peroxide of manganese; the color of the solu- is evolved. ton changing from green to red.	With microcosmic salt before the blowpipe, gives a dark-blue glass, which becomes green on cooling. When strongly heated, molybdic acid volatilizes and condenses in crystals.	Does not volatilize when heated. Has a paleyellow color, and is insoluble in water and acids.	When treated with hydrochloric acid, the mixture is capable of dissolving gold-leaf. Vanadic acid in solution is readily deoxidized, forming a blue liquid.
IES.	Hydro- chloric acid (HCl).	White.	White.	0	0	Reduced to oxide, with evolution of chlorine.	Solution becomes red and chlorine is evolved.	White.	White; insol.	Chlorine evolved.
CID PROPERT	Nitrate of Lime (CaO, NO ⁵) (in alkaline salts of the acids).	White; sp. sol. in water.	White.	White.	White.	Yellow in concentrated solutions.	Black.	White.	White.	0
ES HAVING A	Nitrate of Silver (Ag O, NO ⁵) (in alkaline salts of the acids).	White.	White.	Pale yellow.	Chocolate- brown.	Reddish- brown.	Black (oxide).	White.	White.	Yellow.
2. METALLIC OXIDES HAVING ACID PROPERTIES.	Chloride of Nitrate of Barium Silver Silver (Ag O, NO) alkaline salts (in alkaline of the acids).	White; sp. sol. in water.	White.	White.	White.	Yellow.	0	White.	White.	Orange.
2. M ₁	Hydro- sulphate of Ammonia (NH ₄ S, HS).	Orange;	Orange; sol.	Yellow; sol.	Yellow; sol.	Green.	Flesh colored.	Brown; sol.	Brown; sol.	Brown. sol.
	Hydro- sulphuric Acid, (HS), in acidified solutions.	Orange.	Orange.	Yellow; soluble in alkalies and alkaline sulphides.	Yellow; soluble in alkalies and alkaline sulphides.	Reduced to oxide with precipitation of sulphur.	0	Brown.	Slight turbidity.	Gray.
	Symbol.	Sb 04	SbOs	A80,	4805	Cr0,	MnO_s	MoO,	170,	VO;
	Acids (in combination.)	ANTIMONIOUS ACID.	Antimonic Acid.	ABSENIOUS ACID.	ABSENIC ACID.	Снвоміс Асір.	MANGANIC ACID.	Мокувыс Аст.	TUNGSTIC ACID.	VANADIC ACID.

Actos.	Remarks.	Slightly volatile in the presence of aqueous vapor. Turns turmeric paper brown, and blue litmus port-wine color. Gives green color to the flame of alcohol.	The bromates are decomposed by heat into bromides and oxygen. Sulphuric acid disengages bromine.	The carbonates are readily decomposed by acids, carbonic acid gas being given of with effervescence, which, when passed into lime water, gives a white precipiate.	All the chlorates are soluble in water. At a red heat they are converted into chlorides, oxygen being given off.	The iodides evolve iodine when heated with nitric or sulphuric acid. With chlorine water and starch, they give a dark-purple precipitate.	The bromides, when heated with nitric acid, evolve bromine.	The chlorides, when heated with peroxide of lead, or of manganese, evolve chlorine.	With a mixture of protosalt and persalt of iron, the alkaline cyanides give a precipitate of Prussian blue.	The fluorides, when moistened with sulphuric acid, give off fumes which corrode glass.	The selenides, when heated in the outer flame of the blowpipe, evolve the odor of selenium, resembling that of putrid horse radish.	Most of the sulphides, when treated with an acid, evolve hydrosulphuric acid, which smells like rotten eggs.	The hyposulphites are decomposed by hydrochioric acid; sulphur is pre- cipitated, and sulphurous acid set free.	The hyposulphates are decomposed without deposition of sulphur, when boiled with hydrochloris acid; sulphurous and sulphuric acids are formed.	The iodates are decomposed by heat into iodides and oxygen.	When mixed with sulphuric and hydrochloric acids, the nitrates dissolve gold leaf. With copper filings and sulphuric acid, orange fumes are given off.	The perchlorates are resolved by heat into chlorides and oxygen. They are not decomposed in the cold by hydrochloric or sulphuric acid; thus differing from the chlorides.	The soluble phosphates give with salts of magnesia, when ammonia is present, a white crystalline precipitate.
NON-METALLIC ACIDS.	Acetate of Lead (Pb0, C, H, O,).	White.	White.	White.	0	Bright yellow.	White.	White.	White.	White.	Black.	Black.	White.	0	White;	0	0	White.
3. Nov	Nitrate of Lime (CaO,NO ⁵).	White.	0	White.	0	0	0	0	0	White.	0	0	0	0	White.	0	0	White.
	Nitrate Nitrate Nitrate Rayla Silver Lime Baryla Silver Lime Lime	White.	White.	White.	0	Pale- yellow.	Yellowish	White.	White.	White.	Black.	Black.	White; becoming brown.	0	White.	0	0	Pale Yellow.
	Nitrate of Baryta (BaO, NOs).	White.	White.	White.	0	0	0	0	0	White.	0	0	White.	0	White.	0	0	White.
	Symbol.	BO,	BrOs	000	\$010	HI.	HBr.	HCl.	H,C,N.	HF.	HSe.	HS.	S2 O2	80 08	108	NOS	C101	P04
	Acids (neutralized.)	BORACIC ACID.	BROMIC ACID.	CARBONIC ACID.	CHLORIC ACID.	HYDRIODIC ACID.	Нурвовномис Асір.	HYDROCHLORIC ACID.	HYDROCYANIC ACID.	HYDROFLUORIC ACID.	HYDROSELENIC ACID.	HYDROSULPHURIC ACID.	HYPOSULPHUROUS ACID.	HYPOSULPHURIC ACID.	Iodic Acro.	NITRIC ACID.	PERCHLORIC ACID.	PHOSPHORIC ACID (Tribasic).

The hydrated phosphites are decomposed when heated in a tube; hydrogen is given off, and phosphates are formed.	The seleniates are decomposed by boiling with hydrochloric acid; chlorine is evolved, together with selenious acid.	Metallic zinc or sulphurous acid causes the precipitation of selenium from acidificd solutions of the selenites.	When a soluble silicate is evaporated to dryness with hydrochloric acid it is decomposed, and the silica remains insoluble.	Most of the sulphates when heated with charcoal are converted into sulphides, which, when moistened with hydrochloric acid, evolve hydrosulphuricaeld,	The sulphites are decomposed by sulphuric acid, sulphurous acid being given off without the deposition of sulphur.		Remarks.	Che acetates, when warmed with sulphuric acid, give off the smell of vinegar. Acetic acid boiled with an excess of protoxiple of lead, forms the subacetate, which is alkaline to testinge.	White in concentrated Solutions of the benzoates, when treated with sulphuric acid, neutral give a crystalline precipitate of benzoic acid.	With protonitrate of mercury, a white precipitate, which becomes gray.	The formiates, when warmed with sulphuric acid, do not blacken, and give off carbonic oxide gas.	Malate of lend dissolves in hot dilute acetic acid, and crystalizes on cooling in fine ucedles. Malic acid is decomposed by heat, into malatic and fumaric acids.	Neither the acid nor the oxalates are blackened by strong sulphuric acid, but give off carbonic acid and carbonic oxide gases.	A mixture of chloride of barium, ammonia, and alcohol, gives a white precipitate of succinate of baryta.	Added in excess to potash, gives a crystalline precipitate of the bitartrate.
he hydrated phosphites are decompose is given off, and phosphates are formed.	The seleniates are decomposed by boiling is evolved, together with selenious acid	Metallic zinc or sulphurous acid ca acidified solutions of the selenites	When a soluble silicate is evaporated to drynes decomposed, and the silica remains insoluble.	sulphates when hea	The sulphites are decomposed by sulphur given of without the deposition of sulphur.			The acetates, who smell of vinegar ide of lead, for paper.	Solutions of the give a crystallin	With protonitrate comes gray.	The formiates, when warmed with s en, and give off carbonic oxide gas.	Malate of lead di lizes on cooling i heat, into malæi	Neither the acid phuric acid, but	A mixture of chlo	Added in excess t bitartrate.
The hydra	The seleni	Metallic zi	When a sol	Most of the which, who	The sulph given off	DS.	Acetate of Lead (Pb0, C, H, O3).	0		White.	0	White precipitate that melts in boiling water.	White.	White.	White.
White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	4. ORGANIC ACIDS.	Nitrate of Nitrate of Baryta (Ago, NO°).	White crystalline in concentrated solutions.	Crystalline in concentrated neutral solutions.	White.	White; becoming black, especially when warmed.	White; becoming Gray.	White.	White on standing.	White.
White.	White.	White.	White.	White crystalline.	White.	4.	Nitrate of Baryta (BaO,NO [§]).	0	0	White.	0	White.	White crystalline.	0	White.
White, becoming brown.	White.	White.	Pale yellow.	White crystalline.	White,		Perchloride of Iron (Fe ₂ (U ₃).	0	Brownish- Yellow.	0	0	0	Yellowish- brown.	Reddish brown.	0
White.	White.	White.	White.	White.	White.		Chloride of Calcium (CaCl).	0	0	White.	0	White on the addition of alcohol.	White.	0	White.
P0,	SeO,	SeO.	SiO,	so.	SO.		Symbol.	$H0,C_{\star}$ $H,0.$	HO, C H'O	3HO, C H O 12 6 12	C_sHO_s	$^{2HO}_{c_8H_4O_8}$	H0, C,0,	H0, C,H,0,	2HO, CHO 8 4 10
Рноѕрновот Астр.	SELENIC ACID.	SELENIOUS ACID.	Silicic Acid.	SULPHURIC ACID.	SULPHUROUS ACID.		Acids (neutralized).	ACETIC ACID.	Benzoic Acid.	CITRIC ACID.	Formic Acid.	Makic Acid.	OXALIC ACID.	Succinic Acid.	TARTARIC ACID.

TABLE

Showing the Behavior of Solutions of the Metals with Hydrosulphuric acid, Hydrosulphute of Ammonia, and Curbonate of Ammonia, employed successively. (Dr. Will.)—(The rarer metals are printed in italics.)

	Bodies not precipitated by	Hydrosulphuric Acid, or Hydrosulphate of Ammonia.	In the presence of Muriate of Ammonia, on addition of CARBONATE OF AMMONIA,	not precipi-	Magnesia.	Potash.	Soda.	Lithia.	Ammonia.	
	Bodies not J	Hydrosul Hydros Am	In the p Muriate o on add CARBO	precipi- tated.	Baryta.	Strontia.	Lime,			
	MONIA.	As Salts.	Baryta, Strontia, Lime.	in combina-	tion with phosphoric,	boracie, oxalic and	some other acids.	Magnesia.	in combina-	tion with phosphoric acid.
	OF AM		uble in stash.	$\log_{ m od}$			le in h.	golubs solubl	uΙ	
	PHATE	ides.	1:::		·	·			•	·
	ROSUL	As oxides.	na . a .	ium	na .	:		ia .	т	ium
	Bodies precipitated by HYDROSULPHATE OF AMMONIA.		Alumina Glucina	Flesh- Chromium	Thorina .	Yttria	Cerium.	rownish Zirconia	Titanium	Tantalium
	pitated		Black.	-qse	ored			nish sk. [
	es preci	hides.	BI	FILE		Black.	W hite.	Brownish black.		
	Bodio	As Sulphides.		nese		•		~~		
		4	Nickel Cobalt	fanganese)	ron .	vine .	Uranium		
-	.	phate		Jack.			· ·		ownis Jasle	ia.
4 ono	es.	drosul					. Yellow	-	·	-a
id oolu	lphid	ole in Hydros of Ammonia.		:		:		· m	•	•
hoing	D, 88 Si	Insoluble in Hydrosulphate of Ammonia.	Mercury	read .	Bismuth	Copper.	Cadmium .	lladiv	Rhodium .	Osmium
on Ong	c Aci		Sil Sil		Bis		Ča	1. Pa	Rh	Osn
Flomonte procinitated from their soid colutions has	Hydrosulphuric Acid, as Sulphides.	Soluble in Hydrosulphate of Ammonia, and reprecipitated by Hydrochloric Acid.	Antimony Orange. Mercury Arsenic . \(\begin{cases} \text{Vollow} \\ \text{Vollow} \end{cases} \)			Black.		Volybdenum . Brown. Palladium .		
inoara p	DROSU	uble in Hydrosulpl of Ammonia, and reprecipitated by Hydrochloric Acid.	· · ·	~	_		_	m.]		
lomont	Ĥ	ble in of Ami repreci	imony			Platinum	Iridium .	ьдепи		
1		Solu	Antimor	Tin	Gold.	Plat	Iridi	Moly		

REAGENTS.

The following is a list of the reagents, &c., usually employed in testing and analysis:—

Sulphuric acid, strong and dilute.

Hydrochloric acid.

Nitric acid.

Nitrohydrochloric acid (aqua re-

gia.)

Oxalic acid.

Acetic acid.

Tartarie acid.

Hydrosulphuric acid (sulphuret-

ted hydrogen.)

Ammonia.

Hydrosulphate of ammonia.

Carbonate of ammonia.

Oxalate of ammonia.

Phosphate of soda and ammonia (microcosmic salt.)

Potash.

Carbonate of potash.

Nitrate of potash.

Iodide of potassium.

Chromate of potash.

Cyanide of potassium.

Ferrocyanide of potassium (yellow prussiate of potash.)

Ferridcyanide of potassium (red prussiate of potash.)

Antimoniate of potash.

Carbonate of soda.

Phosphate of soda.

Borax.

Lime water.

Sulphate of lime.

Chloride of calcium.

Chloride of barium.

Nitrate of baryta.

Perchloride of iron.

Nitrate of cobalt.

Sulphate of copper.

Ammonio-sulphate of copper.

Acetate of lead.

Subacetate of lead.

Nitrate of silver.

Ammonio-nitrate of silver.

Perchloride of mercury.

Protochloride of tin.

Perchloride of gold.

Bichloride of platinum.

Sulphate of indigo.

Solution of starch.

Black flux.

Distilled water.

Alcohol.

Litmus and turmeric paper.

tic ammonia, when bone

weak alcohol, dry by a gen-

16. Wash the precipitate with tle heat, and weigh.

17. The chloride of sodium remains in solution, and its weight is found by deducting chlorides (15) that of the from the weight of the mixed

chloride of potassium (16).

The following scheme exhibits the successive steps which are to be taken in order to separate the several inorganic substances from the solution in muriatic acid by the methods described. Digest the soil in distilled water, dry at 250°, weigh, digest with dilute muriatic acid for 12 hours, and filter the solution. This solution should be decidedly sour, and may contain lime, magnesia, alumina, oxide of iron, oxide of manganese, potash, soda and phosphoric acid,

1. Add caustic animonia in excess.

to the so-Tuse with carbonate of sona and and add oxide of in muriatic acid. 2. Oxide of iron alumina, and phosphoric acid are precipitated 3. Phosphates of alumina and iron remain undissolved. da, and wash with distilled ron redissolve 4. Alumimain; lution ver, when ride of calcium and eausphosphate of fall; or by muriatic acid and add chlonitrate of silsilver will acid is dissolved. Neutralize by nitric 5. Phosphoric acid, and add Digest in acetic acid. cipitate in a solution of 6. Solution contains alumina and oxide of iron; add ammonia, and digest the pre-7. Oxide of wash and iron remains; weigh. caustic potash. falls; wash 8. Add murithe solution is sour; then n excess.-atic acid till Alumina and weigh. ammonia .0. Oxalate of lime falls, redness to wash, heat to convert it into carbonate, 9. To the clear solution add oxalate of ammonia, and cover it from the air. falls as sulphuret; dissolve n muriatic acid, precipitate mains; wash, heat to red-12. If manganese is present it by carbonate of soda, wash, heat to redness in the air, 14. Caustic magnesia re-11. Add hydrosulphuret of ammonia. 13. Render sour by muriatic acid, boil, filter, evaporate to dryness, and heat to incipient redness to drive off all the ammoniacal salts. Redissolve n a little water, mix with a little pure red oxide of mercury, evaporate again to dry-5. The solution contains the sodium, if present. Evaporate ness, heat to redness, and to dryness, weigh, re-dissolve in water, and add bichloride ehlorides of potassium and of platinum, to separate the treat with water. potash.

ASSAY NOTE, No.

TESTS FOR THE METAL.
Carbonate of soda,
Ammonia,
Potash,
Red Prussiate of Potash,
Sulphuretted Hydrogen,
METAL INDICATED,
TESTS FOR THE ACID.
Chloride of barium,
Nitrate of Silver,
Nitrate of Lead,
Chloride of Calcium,
ACID INDICATED,
DIRECTIONS.—Against the word No. , write the number that is marked upon the envelope of the salt, or upon the bottled solution which is presented to you for analysis. Fill up the blank spaces opposite the names of the tests as follows:—If you get no precipitate, insert a cypher, 0. If you get a precipitate, write P, and add the color of the precipitate, thus: P white or P brown. If the precipitate dissolves in an excess of the test, add S after the color, as P white S, P brown S. When the metal and the acid are indicated, write their names in the spaces provided for that purpose. Sign your name below.

______Analyst.

	INDIC	ATING PRECI	PITANTS FOR	METALS	IN SALTS.
	Sol	utions to be neutra	Solutions to be Acid.		
Carbonate of Soda.	Ammonia.	Potash.	Red Prussiate of Potash.	Sulphuretted Hydrogen Gas.	METALS Indicated.
None. None. Noue.					1 Potassium. 2 Sodium. 3 Ammonium.
	None. None. None.				4 Barium. 5 Strontium. 6 Calcium.
		White	Brown. Blue. None.	Yellow. Black.	7 Manganese. 8 Iron, protosalts. 9 Magnesium. 10 Cadmium. 11 Bismuth.
		White	Yellow-red. White.	None. Black. Yellow. Orange.	12 Zinc. 13 Tin, protosalts. 14 Aluminum. 15 Lead. 16 Tin, persalts. 17 Antimony.
		Black, See Gold, No. 25.	Red-brown.		18 Mercury, its Protosalts.
		Blue, If boiled, red. Blue, If boiled, black.			19 Cobalt. 20 Copper.
		Green. Green. Green.	Yellow-green. None. Light-blue.		21 Nickel. 22 Chromium. 23 Iron, persalts and protosalts mixed.
		Yellow. Yellow, Sometimes slight, and black.	Yellow-red, But none from the Perchloride. None.		24 Mercury, its per- salts. 25 Gold.
		Brown. Brown.	None. Brown.		26 Iron, persalts. 27 Silver.

		1	1	
Nitrate of Barytes, or Chloride of Barium.	Nitrate of Silver.	Nitrate of Lead.	Chloride of Calcium.	SALTS Indicated.
None. None. None. None. None. None.	None. None. White.	Yellow. White.		1 Nitrates. 2 Chlorates. 3 Chlorides. 4 Iodides. 5 Arsenites. 6 Sulphurets.
White White White White White White White White	None. Yellow. Brown.		White, Sol. in water. White, Insol. in water.	7 Fluorides. 8 Phosphates. 9 Arseniates. 10 Borates. 11 Oxalates.
White { Soluble in Acids, with effervescence.				12 Carbonates.
White { Insoluble in Acids.				13 Sulphates.
Yellow			1	14 Chromates.

Before proceeding farther, I request you to compare these Tables with your Assay Notes, and to draw conclusions, from the results of your experiments, in regard to the nature of the substance which you have had to examine.

EXPLANATION

OF THE

TABLE OF DECIMAL EQUIVALENTS.

The first column contains the common' English names of certain compounds. The second and fourth columns exhibit the atomic constitution of these compounds, expressed in symbols. The third and fifth columns show how much by weight of each constituent, is contained in 1 part by weight of the compound named in column first.

Examples:

1 Part (that is 1 Grain, or 1 Pound) of Alumina contains 0.53295 of Aluminum. 0.46705 of Oxygen.

Total, 1.0000Q. 1 Part of Sulphate of Barytes, contains 0.65628 of Barytes.

0.34372 of anhydrous Sulphuric Acid.

Total, 1.00000. Or it contains

0.58768 of Barium. 0.13797 of Sulphur. 0.27435 of Oxygen.

Total, 1.00000.

Examples of the use of this Table.

Rule:—To find the weight of any Constituent in a given weight of a Compound.—Multiply the given weight of the compound, by the decimal equivalent of the particular constituent. The product is the weight of that constituent.

Example.—Suppose you have 25.45 grains of precipitated sulphate of barytes, and wish to know how much dry sulphuric acid it contains. To find this, you have only to multiply 25.45 by the decimal equivalent of the dry sulphuric acid contain in 1 part of sulphate of barytes. According to the Table this is .34372. See article, "Barytes, Sulphate," page 23. The product is the weight of the dry sulphuric acid, expressed in grains.

 $25.45 \times .34372 = 8.7476740$ grains.

Proof of the correctness of this calculation.—The atomic weight of sulphate of barytes is 1458.045, and that of dry sulphurie acid is 501.165. Then by proportion:—

1458.045:501.165:25.45:x = 8.7477.

Rule:—To find how much by weight of any compound can be produced from a given weight of one of its constituents.—Multiply the weight of the given constituent by 1.00000, and divide the product by the decimal equivalent of the given constituent.

The product of the division is the required weight of the compound. Example.—Given, $55\frac{1}{2}$ grains of Iron; required, the quantity of Peroxide of Iron, Fe²O³, which it will produce.

The decimal equivalent of Iron, quoted at the article "Iron, Perox-

ide," page 25, is .69338. The calculation is therefore,

$$\frac{55.5 \times 1 = \text{Fe}^2\text{O}^3}{.69338}$$
or,
$$\frac{55.50000*}{.69338} = x = 80.043 \text{ grains.}$$

Proof.—The atomic weight of Peroxide of Iron, Fe²O³, is 978.41, and that of two atoms of Iron, Fe², is 678.41. Then by proportion we find: 678.41:978.41::55.50:x = 80.043 grains.

Calculations of this sort, performed with the atomic weights, are twice as long as those performed with the decimal equivalents, the numbers expressing the latter being so prepared as to reduce the whole operation to a simple multiplication or division.

DECIMAL EQUIVALENTS.

Alumina,			Al^2	.53295	O_3	.46705
Aluminum, Chloride	a		Al^2	20496	Cl^2	79504
Ammonia,			N	82544	H_3	17456
Ammonia, Muriate,) N ² H ⁶	32030	$\mathrm{H}^{2}\mathrm{Cl}^{2}$	67970
Ammonium, Chlorid			N^2H^8	33894	Cl^2	66106
Antimony, Terchlor			Sb^2	54845	Cl^6	45155
—Pentachloride, .			$\widetilde{\mathrm{Sb}^2}$	42155	Cl^{10}	57845
-Oxide,			$\widetilde{\mathrm{Sb}^2}$	84317	O^3	15683
—Sulphuret, .			$\overset{\sim}{\mathrm{Sb}^2}$	72771	$\tilde{\mathrm{S}}^{3}$	27229
Antimonic Acid,			$\overset{\sim}{\mathrm{Sb}^2}$	76336	\tilde{O}^5	23664
			$\overset{\sim}{\mathrm{Sb}^2}$	80128	Ŏ ⁴ .	19872
Antimonious Acid,			As^2	41449	Cl^6	58551
Arsenic, Terchloride			As^2	29812	Cl10	70188
—Pentachloride,			As^2	70029	S^2	29971
—Sulphuret,			As^2	60903	$\overset{\sim}{\mathrm{S}^3}$	39097
Arsenic, Sulphuret,			As^2	48311	$\overset{\sim}{\mathrm{S}^5}$	51689
	•		As^{2}	65280	O_{5}	34720
Arsenic Acid.			As^2	75808	O_3	24192
Arsenious Acid, .					H _e	
Arseniuretted Hydro			As^2	96170		03830
Barium, Chloride, .			Ba	65938	Cl^2	34062
— Sulphuret, .			Ba	80987	S	19013
Barytes,			Ba	89549	0	10451
			BaO	77586	CO^2	22414
	= Ba	69478	C	06198	O_3	24324
_ Chromate, .			BaO	59482	CrO^3	40518
			BaO	58564	N^2O^5	41436
- Phosphate, .			2BaO	68201	P^2O^5	31799
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^{*} As many cyphers are added to the decimal fractions of the given quantity, as make up five figures after the point.

Rarytas Salaniata			D.O	.54633	SeO ³	.45367
Barytes, Seleniate,			BaO	65628	SO^3	34372
— Šulphate, .	D.	* O= CO	BaO		0'	27435
- TO: -1 CILL : 1	= Ba	58768	S	13797		33293
Bismuth, Chloride,			$_{ m Bi}$	66707	Cl²	
— Oxide, .			Bi	89867	0	10133
— Sulphuret, .			Bi	81512	S	18488
Boracic Acid,			В	31190	O_3	68810
Boron, Chloride, .			В	09289	Cl^6	90711
Bismuth, Chloride, — Oxide, — Sulphuret, Boracic Acid, Boron, Chloride, — Fluoride, Bromine, Chloride, Bromic Acid, Cadmium, Chloride, — Oxide, — Sulphuret, Calcium, Chloride, — Sulphuret, Carbon, Chloride, — Sulphuret, — Carbon, Chloride,			В	16239	$\mathrm{F}^{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$	83761
Bromine, Chloride,			$\mathrm{Br^2}$	30812	Cl^{10}	69188
Bromic Acid.			$\mathrm{Br^2}$	66177	O^5	33823
Cadmium, Chloride.			Cd	61151	Cl^2	38849
- Oxide			Cd	87449	0	12551
— Sulphuret		•	Cd	77597	Š	22403
Calaium Chlorida	•		Ca	36644	$\widetilde{\mathrm{Cl}}^{2}$	63356
Orido	•		Ca	71911	0	28089
— Oxide, .	•		Ca	52268	\mathbf{F}^2	
- Fluoride, .						47732
— Sulphuret, .	•		Ca	55999	S	44001
Carbon, Chloride,			C	25670	Cl	74330
	•		C	14725	Cl^2	85275
			C	10324	Cl³	89676
— Oxide, .			C	43323	0	56677
— Sulphuret, .			C	15965	S^2	84035
Carbonic Acid, .			C	27651	O^2	72349
Chloric Acid, .			Cl^2	46958	O^5	53042
— —			Cr^2	70109	O_{1}	29891
- Chloride.			Cr^2	34635	Cl ⁶	65365
— Perchloride			Cr	20944	Cl ⁶	79056
- Sulphuret	•		Cr^2	53831	S^3	46169
Chromic Acid	•	•	Cr	53975	O_3	
Cobalt Chlorida			Co	45462		46025
Protorido.	•				Cl^2	54538
— Frotoxide, .	•		Co	78678	0	21322
- Peroxide, .	•		Co ²	71098	O_3	28902
Copper, Protochloride	, .		Cu	64130	Cl	35870
- Perchloride, .	•		Cu	47199	Cl^2	52801
— Perchloride, . — Protoxide, .			Cu ²	88782	0	11218
— Peroxide, .			Cu	79826	0	20174
— Peroxide,			Cu	33396	I	66604
— Protosulphuret,			Cu^2	79733	S	20267
— Persulphuret,			Cu	66296	S	33704
Cyanogen, Cy2, .			N^2	53662	$\widetilde{\mathbf{C}}^2$	46338
Glucina, .			Gr ²	68846	O_3	31154
Gold. Protochloride.			Au²	84886	$\tilde{C}l^2$	15114
- Perchloride		•	Au²	65182	Cl ⁶	
- Sulphuret	•		Au ²	80466		34818
Hydriodic Acid	•		H^2	00785	S^3	19534
Hydrobromia Acid	•		H^2		I^2	99215
Hydroblonic Acid,			H^2	01260	$\mathrm{Br^2}$	98740
Hydroemorie Acid,				02742	Cl^2	97258
Hydrocyanic Acid,			H^2	03645	Cy^2	96355
Hydrofluoric Acid,	, .		H^2	05067	F^2	94933
— Perchloride, — Perchloride, — Sulphuret, Hydriodic Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrocyanic Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Hydrogen, Carburette	d,		H'	24616	C	75384

Hydrogen, Carburetted,		H ⁴	.14036	C^2	.85964
- Phosphuretted, .		H_6	08712	\tilde{P}^2	91288
- Arseniuretted, .		$\widetilde{\mathrm{H}}^{6}$	03830	As^2	96170
- Peroxide, .		H^2	05873	O^2	94127
Hydrosulphuric Acid,)		H^2	05011	a	94159
Hydrogen, Sulphuretted,		H.	05841	S	94100
Hydroselenie Acid, .		H^2	02461	Se	97539
Hydrotelluric Acid, .		H^2	01524	Te	98476
		I^2	75942	O_2	24058
Iodic Acid, Iodine, Chloride,		I^2	41627	C110	58373
T D (11 '1		${ m Fe}$	43385	Cl^2	56615
— Perchloride,		$\mathrm{Fe^2}$	33813	Cls	66187
Perchloride,		Fe	77232	0	22768
— Peroxide,		$\mathrm{Fe^2}$	69338	O_2	30662
— Sulphuret,		Fe	62773	S	37227
		$\mathrm{Fe^2}$	52923	S^3	47077
— Sulphuret, Pyrites, .		Fe	45744	\mathbb{S}^2	54256
Lead, Chloride,		Pb	74519	Cl^2	25481
Lead, Chloride,		Pb	92829	0	07171
- Peroxide,		Pb	86618	O^2	13382
		PbO	68147	$ m CrO^3$	31853
		PbO	67317	N^2O^5	32683
	•	2PbO	75761	P^2O^5	24239
		PbO	73563	\tilde{SO}^3	26437
- Sulphate, = Pb	68287	S	10612	O ⁴	21101
	00201	Pb	86550	š	13450
— Sulphuret,	•	Ca	71911	ŏ	28089
Lime,		CaO	75991	H^2O	24009
— Hydrate,	54646	0	42686	H^2	02668
	94040	CaO	56292	CO^2	43708
— Carbonate,	40478	CaO	12086	O_3	47436
= Ca	40410	2CaO	44382	$\tilde{\mathrm{P}^2\mathrm{O}^5}$	55618
— Phosphate,	91016	P ²	24453	O_{λ}	43631
$= Ca^2$	31916	CaO	41532	SO^3	58468
— Sulphate,	00000	S	23469	O^4	46665
= Ca	29866		44850	Ö	55150
Lithia,		L	15520	Cl^2	84480
Lithium, Chloride, .		L	61293	0	38707
Magnesia, · · ·		Mg	36671	P ² O*	63329
Magnesia,		2MgO	34015	SO3	65985
- Sulphate, - Sulphate, Magnesium, Chloride,		MgO	26348	Cl^2	73652
Magnesium, Chloride, .		Mg	44046	S	55954
— Sulphuret,	•	Mg Mn	43865	$\operatorname{Cl^2}$	56135
— Sulphuret, Manganese, Protochloride,	•	Mn	34252	Cl ³	65748
— Destruitmonato,		Mn	20665	Cl _e	79335
Superchloride.		Mu	77573	Ö	22427
— Protoxide,		$\frac{\mathrm{Mn}}{\mathrm{Mn}^2}$	69752	Os	30248
— Deutoxide, · ·	•	Mn	63363	O^2	36637
— Peroxide, · ·		MnO	47082	SO ³	52918
— Sulphate, · ·		Mn	63228	s	36772
_ Sulphuret, · ·	•	Mn	53553	Os	46447
— Peroxide, — Sulphate, — Sulphuret, Manganic Acid, Moreury Protochloride,		$\frac{\mathrm{Mn}}{\mathrm{Hg^2}}$	85117	Cl ²	14883
			74091	Cl^2	25909
Perchloride, · ·		Hg	(4001	O1	20000

Protonido		Hg²	.96200 O	.03800
- Protoxide,			92678 O	07322
— Peroxide,		Hg	0201-	20675
— Cyanide,		Hg		13713
— Cyanide,		Hg	0020.	33388
Molybdie Acid,		Mo		
Niekel, Chloride		Ni	45508 Cl ²	54492
— Oxide,		Ni	78709 O	21291
Nitrogen, Chloride,		N^2	11763 Cl ⁶	88237
Nitrogen, Chloride,		N^2	26149 O ⁵	73851
Tittle There, will, .		N^2O^5	85753 Aq	14247
— Hydrate, sp. gr. 1.521	00100	H^2	$01581 O^{6}$	75996
$= N^2$	22423		$37112 O^{3}$	62888
Nitrous Aeid,		N^2		53045
Nitric Oxide,		N	46955 O	
Nitrous Oxide,		N^2	63904 O	36096
Oxalie Acid, dry,		C^2	33757 O ³	66243
Osmic Aeid,		Os	$75672 O^4$	24328
Phosphorous, Protoehloride,		P^2	22805 Cl ⁶	77195
T) 11 · 1	•	\tilde{P}^2	15057 Cl ¹⁰	84943
		p_2	43966 O ⁵	56034
Phosphoric Acid,		P^2	56667 O ³	43333
Phosphorous Acid,		P^2	79688 O	20312
Hypophosphorous Acid,		-		
Phosphorous Acid, Hypophosphorous Acid, Platinum, Protochloride,		Pt	73587 Cl ²	26413
— Perehloride,		Pt	58212 Cl4	41788
D		Pt	40420 Cl4	29015
— Potassium-Chloride, {		$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{Cl}^{2}$	30563	20010
		Pt	44232) 172016	40076
— Ammonium-Chloride, {		N^2H^6	07692 H ² Cl ⁶	48076
		K	52534 Cl ²	47466
Potassium, Chloride, .		K	$23674 I^2$	76326
— Iodide,				29109
— Sulphuret,		K		
Potash,		K	83048 O	16952
- Hydrate, K	69749	O^2	$28474 ext{ H}^{2}$	01777
— Carbonate,		KO	68092 CO^2	31908
= K	56549	\mathbf{C}	08823 O ³	34628
- Chlorate,		KO	38492 Cl ² O ⁵	61508
= K	31967	Cl^2	28883 O 6	39150
— Nitrate,		KO	46562 N ² O ⁵	53438
= K	38669	N^2	13973 O ⁶	47358
- Sulphate,		KO	54067 SO ³	45933
= K	44902	S	18437 04	36661
	11002	Se	$62244 O^3$	37756
Selenic Aeid,	•			
Siliea,		Si	48050 O ³	51950
Silicon, Chloride,		Si	17284 Cl ⁶	82716
— Fluoride,		Si	$28347 ext{ } ext{F}^{6}$	71653
— Sulphuret,		Si	$31497 ext{ S}^{3}$	68503
Silver, Bromide, .		Λg	58011 Br^2	41989
— Chloride,		$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{g}$	75330 Cl ²	24670
- Cyanide,		Ag	80380 Cy^2	19620
— Iodide,		m Ag	46132 T2	53868
Silver, Nitrate,		AgO	68194 N ² O ⁵	31806
		Ag	93111 0	06889
- Oxide,		2 ÅgO	$76490 \text{ P}^2\text{O}^5$	23510
— Phosphate,			87045 S	
— Sulphuret,		Ag	01040 0	12955

Soda,					
- Hydrate, Na		Na	.74418	0	.25582
— Carbonata	57789	O^2	39732	H^2	02479
— Carbonate, Na		NaO	58576	CO^2	41424
	43591	C	11454	() s	44955
Carbonate, cryst.,		$\left\{ egin{array}{l} \mathrm{NaO.} \\ \mathrm{CO^2} \end{array} \right\}$	37237	Aq10	62763
- Sulphate, anhydrous,		NaO	43819	SO ³	56181
= Ńa	32609	S	22551	04	44840
		(NaO,)			44040
— Sulphate, cryst., .		SO^3	44231	Aq^{10}	55769
Sodium, Chloride,		Na	39656	Cl^2	60344
— Fluoride,		Na	55441	\mathbb{H}^2	44559
— Fluoride,		Na^3	24709	Si2F18	75291
— Sulphuret, Strontian,		Na	59118	S	40882
Strontian	•	Sr	84551	Õ	15449
Carbonate		SrO	70074	CO^2	
Vitrato		SrO	48877	N^2O^5	29926
— Nitrate,— Sulphate,Strontium, Chloride,		SrO			51123
— Surpriate,			56360	SO^3	43640
Strontium, Unioride,		Sr	55285	Cl^2	44715
Sulphuretted, Hydrogen,		H^2	05841	S	94159
		S	50145	O^2	49855
Hyposulphurous Acid, . Sulphuric Acid, anhydrous,		S³	66796	O_{5}	33204
Sulphuric Acid, anhydrous,		S	40139	O_3	59861
— Hydrate, sp gr. 1.85		SO^3	81670	Aq	18330
= S	33782	O4	65184	H^2	02034
Hyposulphuric Acid, .		S^2	44588	()5	55412
Sulphur, Chloride,	SCl	S	47614	Cl	52386
	SCI4	Š	18516	Cl4	81484
	SCl ⁶	š	13156	Cl _e	86844
Telluric Acid,	501	$\overset{\circ}{\mathrm{Te}}$	72780	O_3	27220
Tellurium, Sulphuret, .		Te	66596	S^2	33404
Tellurium, Sulphuret, .		$\mathrm{Ta^2}$		O_3	
Tantalic Acid,			88494		11506
Tantalum, Chloride, .		Ta^2	63471	Cle	36529
Oxide,		Ta	92024	0	07976
Tin, Protochloride, .		Sn	62422	Cl^2	37578
— Perchloride,		Sn	45372	Cl4	54628
— Protoxide,		Sn	88028	0	11972
— Peroxide,		Sn	78616	() s	21384
— Peroxide, — Sulphuret, Titanic Acid, Titanium, Chloride, Tungatia Acid		Sn	64634	S ²	35366
Titanic Acid,		${ m Ti}$	60293	() 2	39707
Titanium, Chloride,		${ m Ti}$	25542	Cl4	74458
Tungstic Acid,		W	79773	() 3	20227
Hranium Protoxide.		U	96443	0	03557
Uranium, Protoxide,		U^2	94758	()3	05242
Vanadium, Suboxide, .		v	89538	Ö	10462
— Oxide, · · ·		V	81058	O^2	18942
		v	74045	()3	25955
Vanadic Acid,		H²	11111	0	88889
Water, Yttria, Zinc, Chloride,		Y	80073	Ö	19927
Y turia,	•	$ m \ddot{Z}_n$	47670	Cl²	52330
Zine, Unioride,		Zn	80128	0	
— Oxide, · · ·		Z_n		S	19872
— Sulphuret,	•		66716		33284
Zirconia,	•	Zr²	73695	() s	26305
— Sulphate,	•	Z_{nO}	50103	SO3	49897

A CHEMICAL READY-RECKONER.

Many of the calculations which the chemist finds it necessary to make, fall under what is commonly termed the *rule of three* (the rule of proportion). Calculations of that sort can be executed rapidly but roughly, for ordinary operations, by means of a pair of compasses and the diagram given in the margin.

This diagram contains Gunter's line of logometric numbers. The compasses employed must open easily and have very fine points. If you open the compasses so wide that one leg points to 10, and the other to 20, upon this scale, you will find that wherever you apply the compasses thus opened to the degrees marked upon the scale, the numbers situated at their two points will always bear the relation of 10: 20. Hence you can readily perform such calculations as the following:—

With any other opening of the compasses, you come to similar results: at equal intervals of space, the numbers on the scale are

always proportional.

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Now, although such calculations cannot be made with great accuracy, and are not much to be depended upon when each term consists of more than three figures; yet the results are sufficiently correct for many common laboratory experiments, for checking the results of direct arithmetical calculations, and for verifying the calculations contained in argumentative discourses. I shall mention a few problems in which this method of calculation can be brought into use, in company with portions of the foregoing Tables of Atomic Weights and Decimal equivalents.

Problem 1. How much Sodium is contained in $27\frac{1}{2}$ grains of Chloride of Sodium?—1 grain of Chloride of Sodium contains .39656 grain of Sodium. See Table, page 27. Hence the problem to be solved is this:—

100:39.66::27.5:x.

Place one leg of the compasses upon 100 at the bottom of the seale, and the other upon $39\frac{1}{2}$ or a little beyond $39\frac{1}{2}$, namely, as near to $39\frac{6}{10}\frac{6}{6}$ as you can guess. Then remove one leg of the compasses from 100 to $27\frac{1}{2}$; upon which the other leg will fall upon $10\frac{1}{10}$, which is the number of grains of Sodium contained in $27\frac{1}{2}$ grains of NaCl².

Proof.—.39656 \times 27.5 = 10.905400.

Problem 2. How much Chloride of Silver is produced by 20½ grains of Silver?—1 part of Chloride of Silver contains .7533 part of Silver. Table, page 26. Hence the problem is this:—

75.33:100::20.5:x.

Place the two legs of the compasses upon 100 and $75\frac{1}{3}$. Then remove one leg from $75\frac{1}{3}$ up to $20\frac{1}{2}$, upon which the other leg falls upon $27\frac{1}{4}$ = grains of Chloride of Silver, produced by $20\frac{1}{2}$ grains of Silver.

Proof.
$$\frac{100 \times 20.5}{75.33} = 27.213.$$

ON THE ANALYSIS OF SOILS.

The following directions are from a paper issued from the "Museum of

Economic Geology."*

In selecting specimens, care must be taken to obtain a fair average sample, and to insure the true subsoil or subjacent hard rock, clay, sand, &c. Specimens of the latter should be obtained as near as possible beneath the spot whence the soil may have been selected, for it sometimes happens that the soil of a field varies in places from resting on different kinds of subsoil.

The quantity of soil taken as a specimen should weigh about a pound,

which should be tied up in a canvass bag and labeled.

With respect to specimens of subsoils, if of marl, sand, or clay, portions weighing about a pound should be tied up in a canvass bag, labeled to correspond with the respective soils above them. If the subjacent rocks be hard, a piece also weighing about a pound, and fresh broken from the body of the rock, as nearly as possible beneath the surface whence any specimen of soil may have been selected should suffice, and should be wrapped in strong brown paper, labeled to correspond with the soil above it.

1. Dry the specimen at 212° Fahr., powder, sift through a lawn sieve, rub in a mortar, again dry at 212°, and put into a stoppered bottle.

II. Spread 600 grains on a sheet of writing paper, and expose to the air for twelve hours; note the increase of weight; from seven to ten grains is a favorable indication.

III. Determine the amount of carbonic acid in 100 grains, by treating it in a counterpoised bottle with hydrochloric acid with the usual precautions.

IV. Determine the amount of organic matter in 200 grains, by heating to redness in a platinum crucible, with occasional stirring; weigh the residue, and divide it into two equal parts: introduce one into a counterpoised bottle containing hydrochloric acid, and estimate the disengaged carbonic acid; if this be less than that obtained before calcination, the difference must be added to the weight of the calcined product under operation, and this deducted from the weight before calcination will indicate

the amount of organic matter.

V. The other half of the residue left after calcination is now to be boiled in a flask with about an ounce of hydrochloric acid. By this means all the ingredients except the silica and part of the alumina will be dissolved, some of them being decomposed. The insoluble part is to be separated by filtration, washed until no longer acid, and dried. The solution, together with the washings of the insoluble powder, is to be marked A, and put aside for further examination. The powder is to be finely pulverized and mixed with four times its weight of dried carbonate of soda; the mixture is then to be heated in a platinum crucible until it fuses into a glass. The crucible and its contents being placed, while warm, in a Wedgewood dish containing distilled water, about an ounce of hydrochloric acid is to be added and heat applied. More acid and water may be added if necessary, until nothing more is dissolved. This being done, the solution and insoluble part are to be evaporated to dryness, in order to aggregate the silica

^{*} Pharm. Journal, vol. iv.

held in suspension; and care must be taken, during this operation, that no hard lumps are left in the solution, as the silica sometimes forms a coating over such particles through which the acid will not act. The residue, after the evaporation, is to be heated with water mixed with about half an ounce of hydrochloric acid, the solution is to be filtered and the insoluble part washed. The latter is the silica, which must be carefully heated to redness, and weighed while warm.* To the solution from which the silica has been separated ammonia is to be added; the alumina is hereby precipitated, which is washed, ignited, and weighed with the same precautions as the silica.

VI. The solution a is now to be examined. For this purpose add ammonia in excess, and afterwards strong acetic acid in considerable excess, and boil the mixture; phosphate of peroxide of iron and phosphate of alumina (if present) will be precipitated. Collect and wash the precipitate, and label the solution C. Treat the precipitate with solution of caustic potassa, which will redissolve the phosphate of alumina, and leave the phosphate of iron; separate, wash, dry, and weigh the latter; add ammonia to the potash solution to throw down the phosphate of alumina,

which is, in like manner, to be collected and weighed.

It must not be inferred that the phosphates of iron and alumina obtained in this manner existed as such in the soil; the phosphoric acid may have been, at least in part, in combination with lime and magnesia, while the iron may have been in the state of peroxide, and the alumina uncombined; but, on dissolving these ingredients in the hydroehlorie acid, the phosphate of lime or magnesia would be decomposed, and phosphate of iron and alumina formed. As this decomposition would always take place under the eireumstanees indicated, it next becomes a question whether the equivalent proportions of peroxide of iron, or alumina, or of phosphoric acid existed in excess. To determine this point, divide the solution c into two parts; to one add a few drops of solution of perehloride of iron, which, if any earthy phosphates still remain undecomposed, will occasion a precipitate of phosphate of iron, in which ease it may be concluded that the whole of the iron originally in the solution has been obtained in the state of phosphate of iron. Continue the addition of perchloride of iron as long as a precipitate is formed, and treat this precipitate the same as that first obtained from solution A. If, on the other hand, no precipitate be formed from the perehloride of iron, it will be necessary to try whether there be more iron or alumina in the solution. In this ease, add to the other half of the solution c liquid ammonia, so as to render it slighly alkaline; then add hydrosulphuret of ammonia, which will throw down peroxide of iron, oxide of manganese and alumina, if present; collect and wash this precipitate, and label the solution D. Dissolve the precipitate in hydrochloric acid and boil the solution, add caustic potassa in excess, which will throw down peroxide of iron and oxide of manganese, but will retain alumina in solution; the two former being thus separated, add hydrochlorie acid to the filtered solution in slight exeess, and finally precipitate the alumina by ammonia.

VII. The quantity of manganese contained in soils is usually so small as to render its separation from the iron unnecessary. Its presence may be

^{*} Or rather the crucible should be allowed to cool underneath a receiver close to a vessel containing sulphuric acid, and weighed with the cover on.

indicated by the black color which the iron precipitate assumes on being exposed to the air, or by the smell of chlorine, which is afforded on adding a few drops of hydrochloric acid to the precipitate. If thought desirable to separate the two oxides, dissolve them in hydrochloric acid and add precipitated carbonate of lime, which will throw down the oxide of iron. Separate the precipitate, and add to the filtrate ammonia and oxalate of ammonia, by which the lime is removed; then add caustic soda. Collect, dry, and weigh the precipitate, which may be estimated as oxide of manganese.

VIII. The solution D may still contain lime, magnesia, and salts of potassa and soda. Boil, to drive off any sulphuretted hydrogen which it may contain, then add oxalate of ammonia as long as a precipitate of oxalate of lime is formed. Collect, dry, and weigh this precipitate, and label the solution E; if the precipitate be dried at 212°, it will contain one

atom of water.

IX. Add hydrochloric acid to the solution E; evaporate to dryness, and heat to dull redness. Redissolve in water, and add red oxide of mercury: treat the residue with water, pure magnesia (if present) will re-

main, which is to be collected and weighed.

X. The chlorides of potassium and sodium, as well as the sulphate of lime, have yet to be determined. Boil 200 grains of the dried specimen in ten ounces of distilled water; filter the solution and wash the insoluble part; divide the solution into two equal parts; to one add nitric acid, and then chloride of barium as long as any precipitate occurs. Collect, wash, and dry this precipitate, which is sulphate of baryta, obtained from the decomposition of sulphate of lime. To the other half of the solution add nitric acid, and then nitrate of silver as long as any precipitate occurs, which treat as in the former case. This will be chloride of silver, obtained from the decomposition of the chlorides of potassium and sodium.

The above process, though it has no pretensions perhaps to great accuracy, is sufficiently exact for most practical purposes. When a complete analysis is to be made, Dr. Ure adopts the following method.* A known weight (about 100 grains) of the soil is introduced into a large glass flask with a thin concave bottom, capable of holding at least a quart of water, and over it is poured a sufficient quantity of dilute hydrochloric acid. The flask is placed on the ring of a retort-stand and exposed to a gentle heat, while the beak of a large glass funnel, having its mouth covered with a porcelain basin filled with distilled water, is inserted into its neek. this arrangement, a continuous ebullition may be maintained in the mixture of soil and acid, without loss of acid or nuisance from its fumes, because the vapors are condensed whenever they reach the cold basin above the funnel; and in this way a boiling heat may be kept up till every constituent of the soil, except the silica, becomes dissolved. The funnel and porcelain basin should be properly supported on the rings of the retort-Dr. Ure maintains the action for six or eight hours, at the end of which time he throws the contents of the matrass on a filter, and supersaturates the filtered liquor with ammonia. The silica which remains on the filter having been washed, is dried and weighed.

The alumina, oxide of iron and phosphate of lime thrown down by the ammonia being washed on the filter, and dried to a cheesy consistence, are

^{*} Pharm. Journ., June, 1845.

removed with a bone spatula into a silver basin, and digested with heat in a solution of pure potassa, whereby the alumina is dissolved; the alkaline solution is passed through a filter and saturated with hydroehlorie acid; ammonia is then added, pure white alumina falls, which is collected on a

filter, washed, ignited and weighed.

The iron and phosphate of lime on the filter may be dried, gently ignited and weighed, or otherwise directly separated from each other without that step, by the action of dilute alcohol, acidulated with sulphuric acid at a gentle heat. Thus the oxide of iron will be dissolved, and its solution may be passed through a filter, while the sulphate of lime will remain undissolved, and may be dried, ignited and weighed; five parts of it correspond with four of phosphate. The iron is obtained in the state of sesquioxide by precipitation with ammonia.

The first filtered liquor, with excess of ammonia, contains the carbonate of lime and the magnesia. The former is separated by solution of oxalate of ammonia, and digestion, at a gentle heat, for a few hours; it is then filtered, washed, dried and gently ignited, by which it is converted into carbonate, in which form it is weighed. The magnesia in the filtrate is

precipitated with phosphate of soda.

For some refractory soils in which the alumina exists as a double or triple silicate, it becomes necessary to fuse about fifty grains of the sample in fine powder, mixed with four times its weight of dry earbonate of soda, the mixture being put into a platinum crucible, and into a eavity in the eentre fifty grains of hydrate of potassa being laid. The erueible is slowly raised to a red white heat, when its contents fusc into a homogenous liquid, of a gray or brown color, according to the metals present in it. Manganese gives a purple tint, and iron a red brown. The fused matter should be poured out into a shallow platinum basin, and, as soon as it is cold, it should be pulverized, dissolved in dilute hydrochlorie acid, the solution evaporated to dryness, the dry mass again digested with hot water aeidulated with hydrochloric acid, and the whole thrown down upon a filter. Pure silica remains, which is washed, dried, ignited and weighed. The filtered liquor, which contains the remaining constituents of the soil, is treated as already described.

Besides these systematic investigations, Dr. Ure directs researches to be made for certain peculiar substances, and especially for the so-ealled neutro-saline constituents, in the following manner. One hundred grains of the soil are triturated with twenty times their weight of distilled water, placed in a beaker till the clayey matter subsides, and the clear liquor is then decanted into a filter. A little of the filtered solution should be tested with nitrate of baryta, and also with oxalate of ammonia. If precipitates are afforded, the presence of sulphate of lime is indicated, and the following steps must be taken to climinate it entirely:- Two hundred grains of the soil are triturated with a quart of distilled water, holding in solution fifty grains of sal ammoniac. The mixture should be allowed to elarify itself by subsidence, when the supernatant clear liquor should be evaporated down to two ounce measures, and then mixed with an equal bulk of strong whisky (11 per eent. over proof). The whole of the sulphate of lime will then be separated from the fluid, and, after being drained on a filter, may be dried, ignited, and weighed.

For determining the *atkaline salts*, the water filtered from the one hundred grains of soil should be evaporated down to one-fifth of its bulk, and

then treated, 1st, with nitrate of baryta for the sulphates; 2d, with nitrate of silver for the chlorides; 3d, with oxalate of ammonia for the nitrate of lime or chloride of calcium, provided no sulphate of lime is indicated by the first test; 4th, with litnus paper for the alkaline or acid reaction; 5th, with soda chloride of platinum for potassa, salts which are very valuable for the vigorous growth of many plants. The portions of the soil tested for potassa salts should, before being digested in water, be gently calcined, to ensure the expulsion of every particle of ammoniacal salt; otherwise the precipitate afforded by soda chloride of platinum would be fallacious.

Another peculiar research to which Dr. Ure directs especial attention, is that which determines the amount of ammonia in a soil, which may exist either ready formed, or in its elements, capable of affording a portion of that azotic food so indispensable to vigorous vegetation. The actual ammonia is easily obtained, by distilling the soil along with milk of lime; the distillate will contain all the volatile alkali, which may be estimated by a standard solution of sulphuric acid, according to Peligot's method, described page 468 "Noad's Chemical Analysis." What Dr. Ure calls the potential ammonia, slumbering, so to speak, in its embryo elements, may be estimated by igniting 200 grains of the soil with its own weight of

a mixture of hydrate of soda and quicklime.

Dr. Ure gives also the following simple method of testing for phosphoric acid in a soil:—Digest it for an hour or so, at a moderate heat, with dilute nitric acid (free from hydrochloric acid). Throw the mixture on a filter; to the filtered liquor add potassa water cautiously, till the instant that a precipitate begins to appear; then drop into it a weak solution of If any phosphoric salts be present, a yellowish precipinitrate of silver. tate will immediately fall, which is resoluble in an excess of nitric acid. Whatever is not thus dissolved is chloride of silver, and ought to be separated by filtration. On adding then weak potassa water cautiously to the filtered liquor, pure phosphate of silver will be obtained, without any alumina or iron, provided the liquor be still acidulous in a slight degree. The portion of soil should be fresh, not calcined, because the phosphates, when ignited, afford a white precipitate with nitrate of silver. stronger the solution of the phosphoric compound is, the more characteristic is the yellow precipitate with silver; and then ammonia may be used to effect the partial separation of the excess of acid.

A solution of sulphate of magnesia, containing a little sal ammoniac, is probably the best test liquor for detecting phosphates in faintly acidulous,

but still better in neutral, solutions.

The determination of phosphoric acid in soils is best effected by the following process, proposed originally by Schulze, and modified by Liebig. It is founded on the insolubility of phosphate of peroxide of iron and phosphate of alumina in acetic acid:—The hydrochloric solution of the soil is evaporated to dryness, nitric acid being added during the evaporation, the dry mass is treated with dilute hydrochloric acid, and the solution filtered off from the insoluble silica. To the acid solution ammonia is added, and then acetic acid; the mixture is boiled, filtered while hot, and the precipitate, which contains the whole of the phosphoric acid, in combination with iron and alumina, is collected on a filter, washed, dried, weighed, and digested with caustic potassa, which dissolves the latter. This is the pro-

cess as originally proposed by Schulze. According to Liebig's modification,* ammonia is added to the hydrochloric solution of the soil, till a precipitate begins to form; acctic acid is then added, and, finally, acctate of soda in excess; the mixture is boiled and filtered. The precipitate, having been washed with hot water, is dissolved in hydrochloric acid, ammonia added to alkaline reaction, and then hydrosulphuret of ammonia. The fluid is filtered off from the precipitated sulphuret of iron, and the latter is washed with water mixed with hydrosulphuret of ammonia. The filtrate is concentrated by evaporation, sulphate of magnesia added, and the mixture stirred; the formation of a crystalline precipitate indicates phosphoric acid; this precipitate consists of basic phosphate of magnesia and ammonia. It is collected on a filter, washed with water containing a little ammonia, dried, and ignited; the phosphoric acid is estimated as pyrophosphate of magnesia.

According to Mr. Nesbit † this process is inapplicable where phosphate of alumina is contained in the solution, the phosphorie acid being kept back in the precipitate formed by ammonia and hydrosulphuret of ammo-

nia, and cannot be obtained in the filtrate.

Although the quantity of soluble saline matter extracted from a moderate quantity of any of our soils is rarely so great as to admit of a rigorous quantitative examination, it is, nevertheless, very desirable that a qualitative analysis of the aqueous extract should be made, in order to furnish information as to the ingredients which are supplied directly to the plant with the water which they imbibe from the soil. In some soils, those, for instance, of Egypt and India, and of other warm countries, soluble saline matter in the form of chlorides, sulphates, and nitrates, to the amount of 14 per cent., has been found. The qualitative examination will always inform the operator whether or not a quantitative analysis is required. The most convenient plan, therefore, is to digest a large quantity (from two to three pounds) of the soil with distilled water, and, having thrown it on a moist filter and thoroughly washed the insoluble matter, to divide the filtrate into two parts, using one part for the qualitative, and setting aside the other for the quantitative examination, should such be found necessary.

As the analysis of soils is a subject which is likely early to occupy the attention of the student in analytical chemistry, we have, with a view of assisting him in his labors, collected in a tabular form the different steps of the treatment of the hydrochloric solution. The substance of this Table is taken from the article on the analysis of soils, in Johnstone's Agricultural Chemistry, a work which we take the liberty of strongly recommend-

ing to the attention of the agricultural student.

^{*} Fresenius-Quantitative Analysis, p. 516.

[†] Quarterly Journ. of the Chemical Society, No. 1, p. 45.

[†] See Johnstone's Lectures on Agricultural Chemistry and Geology, p. 43, Appendix.

ALPHABETICAL TABLE OF BEHAVIOUR UNDER BLOWPIPE EXAMINATION.

Behavior.	X. Mixed with soda and heated in a tube the metal sublimes.	x-As the protoxide.		With soda on charcoal, reduced to a magnetic powder. With borax and mic. salt in outer flame a red glass, becoming colorless on cooling.	Ö	able smell, causing much inconvenience to eyes and mose.	Reduced.	le Reduced.	Violet flame.	i- Bedured		Yellow flame.	Carmine flame.	31. Trn, protoxide of. With soda in reducing flame a malleable bead of metallictin.	33. Uranjon, sesqui-	bin-With borax, yellow in the outer flame, in the inner brown, heroming green when cold.	Nothing characteristic.	With soda on charcoal, gives a white sublimate of oxide,	Bright flame.
Name of Substance.	19. MERCURY, protox-ide of.	20. MERCURY, peroxide of.	21. MOLYBDENUM, OX-	22. NICKEL, oxide of.	23. Osmium, deutox-	24. PALLADIUM. DIC	toxide of.	25. PLATINUM, oxide Reduced.	26. Ротавн.	27. RHODIUM, sesqui-	28. Silver, oxide of. Reduced.	29. Soda.	30. STRONTIA.	31. Trn, protoxide o	33. Unanium, sesqu		35. YTTRIA.	36. Zing, oxide of.	37. Zirconia.
Behaviour.	Blue with nitrate of cobalt.	2. ANTIMONY, oxide With soda in deoxidizing flame, reduced and gives off white 30. Mencury, perox of.	0			radiates a brilliant light. Gives a red color to the flame.	Emerald-green with fluxes.			in outer flame, green; in inner flame red.	With nitrate of cobalt, dark-gray or black.	. Beduced	Reduced	With the fluxes in the outer flame, brownish-yellow; in the inner flame, light-green.		With soda on charcoal reduced; yellow deposit also formed 34. VANADIUM, on charcoal.	Gives red color to the flame.	Light pink with nitrate of cobalt.	pro-With soda a green bead. With borax in outer flame an ame- flyst bead, which loses its color in the reducing flame.
Name of Substance.	1. ALUMINA.	2. Antimony, oxide vof.	3. BARYTA.	4. BISMUTH, Oxide of		o. Carcium (Lime).	7 CHROMIUM, oxide of.		8. COBALT, OXIDE OF	9. COPPER, OXIDE OI.	10. GLUCINA.	11. Gold, teroxide of. Reduced	12. IRIDIUM, sesqui-	13. IRON, protoxide of	14. IRON, peroxide of. As the protoxide.	15. LEAD, oxide of.	16. Lithia.	17. MAGNESIA.	18. MANGANESE, protoxide of.





